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## By ECF

The Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Jacob Daskal

Criminal Docket No. 21-110 (NGG)

## Dear Judge Garaufis:

The government respectfully submits this letter in response to the Court's August 5, 2022 Order directing the parties to submit objections, if any, to empaneling a vaccinated jury. The government takes no position as to whether jurors should be asked about their vaccination status. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 24(a), questioning prospective jurors about such matters is within the district court's discretion. Should the Court determine to do so and exclude unvaccinated potential jurors, however, the government respectfully submits that the Court should explain on the record the basis for such exclusions, consistent with the provision of 28 U.S.C. 1866(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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